

A. STATE-AT-A-GLANCE

1)	Program Operation	State-operated
2)	Number of Local Offices (excluding Agencies under Cooperative Agreements)	Missouri Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE) has 17 regional offices which serve 110 counties. The remaining 5 of Missouri's 115 counties are county administered.
3)	Type of Agencies with Cooperative Agreements	County prosecuting attorneys are under cooperative agreements with the state for judicial establishment and enforcement requests on IV-D cases; circuit clerks in each county collect and distribute child support payments; non-IV-D cases are handled at county level only.
4)	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	No
5)	Agreements With Tribal Entities	No
6)	Age of Majority for Termination of Support	18, or if in high school at 18, upon graduation from high school or age 21, whichever comes first; if child enrolls in college or vocational school by October 1 following high school graduation, support continues until child is 22 or when education is completed, whichever is earlier. Some deviations from this standard may occur in judicial order that specifically set ages other than 18 for the termination of support.
7)	Statutes of Limitation:	
	• Collection of Past Due Support	10 years from last payment on court record or other form of revival of order on court record.
	• Paternity Establishment	18 th birthday (21 st birthday for child bringing own paternity action)
	• Dormancy Revival/Renewal Possible [yes/no]	No, not after a 10 year period has expired without court record notation.
8)	Guidelines	Income shares
9)	Interest Rates on	
	• Missed Payments	1% per month simple interest on Missouri orders. By law, the interest accrues and attaches to the underlying support order Obligee must compute and file computation with the circuit clerk to make interest collectible.
	• Retroactive Support	1% per month simple interest once reduced to a lump sum judgment. Obligee must compute and file computation with the circuit clerk to make interest collectible.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjudicated Arrearage 	1% per month simple interest on Missouri orders. By law, the interest accrues and attaches to the underlying support order. Obligee must compute and file computation with the circuit clerk to make interest collectible.
10) Arrearage Collections for Non-minor Child(ren)	Yes, through income withholding, state tax refund offset, garnishments, etc. Some county prosecuting attorneys may file civil contempt actions.
11) Distribution Scheme	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFDC Arrears 	First to current support (if multiple cases, proportionately among the cases), then to unassigned non-AFDC arrears (if multiple cases, proportionately among the cases), then AFDC arrears (if multiple cases, proportionately among the cases), EXCEPT for IRS intercepted funds, which apply first to AFDC arrears.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-AFDC Arrears 	See AFDC arrears, above. However, non-AFDC period arrears that are assigned are payable to the state up to the assigned amount or the amount of AFDC paid out, whichever is lower.
12) Procedures Regarding Medical Support Using Income Withholding	A “Notice of Order to Enroll” is sent to the employer, group plan or union of the parent who has been ordered to provide the health benefit plan coverage. The notice directs the employer to enroll the child(ren) in the obligor’s health and dental insurance plans) and to withhold any required premium from the obligor’s income. If the initiating state requests enforcement of an order that includes a medical support provision, Missouri will enforce the medical support unless otherwise notified.
13) New Hire Reporting	Yes
14) Recovery of Costs Elected Under State Plan	No
15) Recovery of Costs for Initiating State	Yes
16) Long-Arm Statute/s Citation/s	Section 506.500, RSMo (1994)
17) Automated Locate Resources	Division of Motor Vehicles, Employment Security, Dept. of Corrections, Department of Social Services, FPLS, Professional Registration, Department of Revenue, and Secretary of State
18) Enforcement Options	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Income Tax Refund Intercept 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License Revocation/ 	No

Suspension	
• Administrative Liens	Yes
• Property Seizure & Sale	Yes
• State Funds/Benefits (please specify)	Worker's Compensation, unemployment compensation
• Other (please specify)	Inmate bank accounts, lottery winnings
19) Spousal Maintenance Orders <i>(specify yes or no)</i>	
• Establish	No
• Enforce	Yes, when there is also a current child support obligation and a periodic payment.
• Modify	No
20) Current Spouse/Partner Information Required	No

B. UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

1) State Code Citation	N/A
2) Effective Date	N/A
3) Adopted Verbatim? If no, list differences.	N/A
4) Repeal URESA?	N/A
5) Repeal IWW?	N/A

C. INCOME WITHHOLDING

1) Income Withholding Terminology	Income Withholding
2) Income Withholding	

Procedures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Withholding Limits 	50% of disposable income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fee Charged by Employers 	\$6.00 per payment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date to Remit 	Within 10 days of withholding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penalty 	Employer is liable for the amount that should have been withheld
3) Definition of Employer	No statutory definition. However, Missouri law permits the IV-D agency to issue income withholding orders to employers “or other payors.”
4) Included Income	Wages, interest income, “any money due or to become due” the noncustodial parent.
5) Excluded Income	AFDC, SSI, VA disability, prison inmate monthly allowance.
6) Direct Income Withholding for Unemployment Compensation, include address	N/A
7) Direct Income for Workers’ Compensation, include address	N/A
8) Direct Income Withholding, other income sources subject to, include address	N/A
9) Direct Income Withholding, list other Income Sources NOT subject to	N/A
10) Federal Withholding (See Federal Pay Agents Section)	IV-D Directors need not answer this question.
11) Procedures for Contesting Income Withholding	Administrative hearing
12) Arrearages through Income Withholding	Yes, depending on case situation up to 50% of current child support amount, or up to 25% of disposable earnings (arrearage-only cases).
13) Enforcing Against Non-Resident Obligor Asset/Income	Yes
14) Exception to Immediate Withholding	Yes; court’s discretion if one party shows good cause (judicial orders); obligor provides proof of medical insurance for child and posts a security bond equal to 2 months’ support (administrative orders) or written agreement between the parties.

15) Multiple Obligations Withholding Priorities	
• Policy	The employer is required to use a proportionate share formula to determine how much of the noncustodial parents available pay is to be credited to each order.
• Priority	Child support has priority over any other garnishment, attachment or assignment
• Assistance	1-800-859-7999 (Customer Relations Unit)
• Allocation	If concurrently running wage withholding processes for the collection of support obligations would cause the amounts withheld from the wages of the obligor to exceed applicable wage withholding limitations, the employer shall first satisfy current support obligations by dividing the amount available to be withheld among the orders on a pro rata basis using the percentages derived from the relationship each current support order amount has to the sum of all current child support obligations. Thereafter, arrearages shall be satisfied using the same pro rata distribution procedure used for distributing current support, up to the applicable limitation.

D. PATERNITY

1) Interstate Paternity Procedures	Interstate paternity establishment is handled by county prosecuting attorneys when case is contested.
Consent Orders Obtained	Yes, judicial consent orders obtained in many local jurisdictions; some consents are obtained by DCSE through administrative process. Missouri can give same effect to consents (e.g., affidavits acknowledging paternity) that they have in state of origin – presumptive or conclusive
2) Uniform Parentage Act	Yes
3) Uniform Act on Blood Testing	Yes
4) Parentage Order Available Without Order for Support	Yes, if appropriate
5) Custody/Visitation Addressed Subject to Tribunal's Jurisdiction	Administrative orders do not address custody and visitation. Contested paternity referred to county prosecutors may result in orders which address custody and visitation if the court deems appropriate.
6) Genetic Test Results as Presumption of Paternity	Yes
Threshold	98% or greater probability of paternity with 0.5 prior probability
7) Paternity Acknowledgment as Presumption of Paternity	Rebuttable

(Rebuttable/Conclusive)	
8) Marriage as Presumption of Paternity	Yes; only rebutted by a court decree establishing the paternity of the child by another man.
9) Putative Father's Name on Birth Certificate, Effect of	Department of Health will place the name on the birth certificate pursuant to a court or administrative order or when both parents complete a signed, notarized affidavit acknowledging paternity. The name alone on the birth certificate does not create a presumption of paternity or legal paternity; the underlying affidavit or order establishes the presumption of paternity or legal paternity.
10) Other Statutory Presumptions	Father and mother file paternity affidavit with Bureau of Vital Records or a similar entity in another state in which such filing creates a presumption by law; father and mother marry or attempt to marry and he consents to adding his name to child's birth certificate, or signs paternity agreement with court or administrative agency.
11) Recognition of Common Law Marriage	No
12) Personal Appearance of Witness or Custodial Parent Required	Usually no; some courts may require personal appearance.
Acceptable Methods of Testimony	Deposition
13) Long-Arm Statute	Section 210.829 2, RSMo (1994). Applies when child was conceived (act of sexual intercourse occurred) in Missouri
14) Assistance to Other States Using Their Long-Arm Statutes	
• Service of Process	Yes; contact Interstate Central Registry
• Genetic Testing	Yes; contact Interstate Central Registry
15) Recovery of Genetic Testing Costs for Other States	Yes

E. SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT

1) Interstate Procedures	Handled same as local cases; if order exists, Missouri enforces existing order. If no order, DCSE's Interstate Unit will establish order through administrative process in accordance with section 454.570, RSMo. County prosecuting attorney will pursue establishment in circuit court through URESA process when paternity is contested, the requesting state requires an order for genetic testing or necessities are requested.
2) Income Considered for Setting	Custodial parent's gross income/assets; noncustodial parent's

Support	gross income/assets; other child and spousal support being paid. Income may be imputed for unemployed and underemployed parents as well as in cases in which current income is unknown.
3) Criteria for Rebuttal	Court or administrative agency enters a written or specific finding on the record that the presumed amount is unjust or inappropriate.
4) Support Order for Prior Periods	Yes; request should indicate period for which support is sought, financial (income) information for the period, and AFDC paid out during the period. Period is limited to five years preceding the commencement of the action in paternity cases. Only pursued by county prosecutors; no administrative establishment procedures.

F. ENFORCEMENT

(Note: If multiple orders, see Part “G”)

I. ENFORCING YOUR OWN ORDER

1) Enforcement for Non-Resident Family	Yes, if non-custodial parent lives or works or owns property in Missouri
2) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available	Yes; income withholding, real & personal property liens, referrals to consumer reporting agencies.
3) Judicial Procedures and Remedies Available with Registration	Yes, if administrative remedies are not sufficient.

II. ENFORCING OTHER STATES’ ORDERS

4) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available Without Registration	To enforce an out-of-state order, Missouri has the authority to administratively duplicate an order, without a judicial registration, if Missouri has jurisdiction over the NCP and/or his/her assets. Missouri can then take all administrative remedies to enforce the order.
5) Judicial/Administrative Remedies with Registration	Same as if order was an original Missouri order
6) UIFSA/URESA Registration and Enforcement Procedure	Generally under URESA. Referral is sent to prosecutor or contract attorney for registration
7) Judicial Procedures Required after Registration	None
8) Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Citation	Section 511.760, RSMo (1994)

G. MODIFICATION/REVIEW & ADJUSTMENT OF ORDERS

1) Jurisdiction Requirements	Follow CEJ requirements in Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act. If it is determined that Missouri is the appropriate state to modify, the order is registered under Section 454.340, RSMo and then modified
2) Modification Procedures	DCSE will, upon request in non-AFDC cases and with or without a request in AFDC cases, review child support orders on a three year cycle for possible modification. DCSE will review orders for modification of the child support obligation and for medical support. Modifications may be for either an increase or decrease in support. If the case meets the criteria for review (see 6 below), financial information on both parties is obtained to determine if the case meets the criteria for modification (see 3 below). DCSE modifies Missouri administrative orders or Missouri judicial orders through administrative process. The parties have the right to request an administrative hearing to contest the motion to modify. When a judicial order is modified administratively, the modified order is sent to the court for approval. The court has 45 days to approve the order or set it for trial. There are times when DCSE will refer a modification case to a prosecuting attorney or contract attorney to file a petition with the court to have the order modified.
3) Criteria for Modification	The presumed child support amount differs by 20% or more (higher or lower) from the present obligation; a child ceases to meet the requirements to receive continued current support and other children remain on the order; or a health insurance obligation needs to be added to the order.
4) Criteria for Change of Circumstances	“Changed circumstances so substantial and continuing as to make terms of order unreasonable”, court considers financial resources of both parties, including extent to which expenses of either party should be shared by present spouse or person with whom he or she lives, and earning capacity of a parent who is employed; if application of guidelines would alter current order by 20% or more changed circumstances are presumed.
5) Frequency With Which Reviews are Conducted	Every 3 years
6) Criteria for Review	Case must be IV-D and order entered, modified or reviewed for modification at least 36 months ago; AFDC, medical-assistance-only, or IV-E foster care done with or without a request; non-AFDC done upon request. An earlier review may be performed when order lacks a health insurance provision or the requester alleges a 50% change in either parent’s income and the cause for the change has existed for at least 3 months and it appears the circumstances will remain unchanged for another 6 months; a child ceases to meet requirements to receive continued support and other children remain on the order.
7) Criteria for Adjustment	See Criteria for Modification above.

H. MULTIPLE ORDERS

ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION

1)	Controlling Order	N/A
2)	Date of Controlling Order	N/A
3)	If No Controlling Order	N/A
4)	Arrears Procedure	N/A

I. Documentation Required to Initiate Requests

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each docu- ment	Certifi- cation require d for each docu- ment *See below
Establishment of Paternity and Support	Uniform Support Petition General Testimony Paternity Affidavit for each Child Certificate and Order Transmittal Form (FSA-200)	3 peti- tions	C (all copies)
Enforcement of Responding State's Order	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal (FSA-200) All orders Payment Record Affidavit from the obligee for periods not covered by court trusteeship (month-by-month	1 1 copy of each 1 1	E E E

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Modification of Responding States' Orders	<p>Child Support Enforcement Transmittal (FSA-200)</p> <p>All orders</p> <p>Payment Record</p> <p>Affidavit from the obligee for periods not covered by court trusteeship (month-by-month accounting preferred)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1 copy of each</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>E</p> <p>E</p> <p>E</p> <p>A</p>
Administrative Enforcement of Another States' Order	<p>Child Support Enforcement Transmittal (FSA-200)</p> <p>All orders</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1 copy of each</p>	<p>E</p> <p>C (must be original certification not a photo copy)</p> <p>C (must be original certifi-</p>

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	<p>Payment Record</p> <p>Affidavit from the obligee for periods not covered by court trusteeship (month-by-month accounting preferred)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>cation not a photo copy)</p> <p>A</p>
Registration for Enforcement of Another States' Order	<p>Uniform Support Petition</p> <p>All Orders</p>	<p>3</p> <p>peti- tions</p> <p>3</p>	<p>C</p> <p>C</p>
Collection of Arrearages in Multiple Orders	<p>Child Support Enforcement Transmittal (FSA-200)</p> <p>All orders</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1 copy of each</p>	<p>E</p> <p>C (must be original certifi- cation not a</p>

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	<p>Payment Record for each court order</p> <p>Affidavit from the obligee for periods not covered by court trusteeship (month-by-month accounting preferred)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>photo copy)</p> <p>C (must be original certification not a photo copy)</p> <p>A</p>
Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act	<p>Verified petition for registration</p> <p>All orders</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2</p>	<p>C</p> <p>C & D (authen- ticated)</p>
Modification of Another State's Order	Uniform Support Petition	3	C

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each docu- ment	Certifi- cation require d for each docu- ment *See below
	All Orders	3	C
Status Update on an Existing Interstate Case	Letter or memo with Missouri IV-D case number or noncustodial parent's SSN	1	E
Assistance/Discovery	N/A		
Quick Locate	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal (FSA-200)	1	E

**A= Notarization by Notary Public; B= Certification by signature of agency official;*

C= Certification by signature of court official; D= Others (please specify);

E= Certification not required

J. State Contact Chart

ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CONTACT
	Name, Title, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail (include 800 if applicable)
State Information Agent	Cathy Bordner, Supervisor II 2701 West Main, PO Box 1468 Jefferson City, MO 65102-1468 Ph.: (573) 751-4224 Fax: (573) 751-1257
Central Registry	Janet Marsh, Supervisor III

	<p>Interstate Collections Unit</p> <p>2701 West Main, PO Box 1468</p> <p>Jefferson City, MO 65102–1468</p> <p>Ph.: (573) 751–4224</p> <p>Fax: (573) 751–1257</p>
Interstate Policy Contact (if different)	<p>Nancy Crocker, Program Development Specialist</p> <p>227 Metro Drive, PO Box 1527</p> <p>Jefferson City, MO 65102–1527</p> <p>Ph.: (573) 751–4301</p> <p>Fax: (573) 751–8450</p>
Contact for Information Regarding Your States Long Arm Statute and Process	<p>Paul Keller, Legal Counsel</p> <p>227 Metro Drive, PO Box 1527</p> <p>Jefferson City, MO 65102–1527</p> <p>Ph.: (573) 751–4301</p> <p>Fax: (573) 751–8450</p>
Contact for Information Regarding Collection and Distribution (State level)	<p>Michael Adrian, Program Development Specialist</p> <p>227 Metro Drive, PO Box 1527</p> <p>Jefferson City, MO 65102–1527</p> <p>Ph.: (573) 751–4301</p> <p>Fax: (573) 751–8450</p>
Contact to Obtain Payment Records	<p>Circuit Clerk in County Where Order is entered. Contact Interstate Collections Unit if there are problems in obtaining records.</p>
Contact to Obtain Copy of Order	<p>Circuit Clerk in County Where Order is entered. Contact Interstate Collections Unit if there are problems in obtaining records.</p>

Contact for States Using Their Long Arm Statutes or Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (no “case” in your State) for	Interstate Collections Unit 2701 West Main, PO Box 1468 Jefferson City, MO 65102–1468 Ph.: (573) 751–4224 Fax: (573) 751–1257
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service of Process (private process server? If so , list) 	See Above
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genetic Testing (e.g. assistance with interstate teleconferencing) 	See Above
New Hire Reporting Contact	Michael Adrian, Program Development Specialist 227 Metro Drive, PO Box 1527 Jefferson City, MO 65102–1527 Ph.: (573) 751–4301 Fax: (573) 751–8450
Employer Assistance Contact	Interstate Collections Unit 2701 West Main, PO Box 1468 Jefferson City, MO 65102–1468 Ph.: (573) 751–4224 Fax: (573) 751–1257
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Status</i> Requests (if any)	None
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Payment</i> Requests	

(if any)	1-800-859-7999
Privatization Contact	<p>Algin Bradford</p> <p>2009 St. Mary's Blvd., PO Box 1527</p> <p>Jefferson City, MO 65102-1527</p> <p>Ph.: (573) 526-0900</p> <p>Fax: (573) 526-4524</p>